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TAGS: OAS, NU, CS

SUBJECT: COSTA RICA-NICARAGUA: OAS PASSES ANALGESIC
RESOLUTION WITHOUT DEBATE

1. SPECIAL SESSION OF OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MET AFTERNOON
OF NOVEMBER 15 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF AD HOC COMMISSION SENT
TO COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA TO DETERMINE FACTS OF OCTOBER
14 STRAFING INCIDENT INVOLVING SECURITY MINISTER CHARPEN-
TIER OF COSTA RICA. COUCHED IN CAUTIOUSLY DIPLOMATIC
LANGUAGE, CONCLUSIONS OF 50-PAGE REPORT MAKE CLEAR THAT
INCIDENT OCCURRED WELL WITHIN COSTA RICAN TERRITORY AND
EFFECTIVELY DENY NICARAGUAN COUNTERCHARGE THAT COSTA RICA
IS TOLERATING SANDINISTA GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES WITHIN ITS
TERRITORY.

2. AMBASSADOR LOPEZ OF PARAGUAY, CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC COM-
MISSION, OPENED SESSION WITH BLAND STATEMENT THANKING ONE
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AND ALL FOR COOPERATION. HE DID NOT READ CONCLUSIONS OF
REPORT. FONMINS FACIO AND MONTIEL FOLLOWED WITH STATEMENTS
PROMISING THEIR GOVERNMENTS' EARNEST EFFORTS TO AVERT
FUTURE INCIDENTS, AVOIDING MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS
ANNOUNCING THEY HAD WORKED OUT TEXT OF RESOLUTION AGREEABLE
TO BOTH PARTIES. US AMBASSADOR MCGEE MADE STATEMENT

WELCOMING EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD INTENT FROM BOTH GOVERNMENTS BUT NOTING THAT OUR CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS CONVINCED US INCIDENT WITH NICARAGUAN PLANES HAD OCCURRED WELL WITHIN COSTA RICAN TERRITORY AND FACT WAS WELL KNOWN TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS. US STATEMENT WAS MILD VERSION OF DEMARCHE THAT WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO GON REGARDING EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE AD HOC COMMISSION UNDULY. TEST OF STATEMENT WAS SAME AS THAT CABLED TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA NOVEMBER 14.

3. ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN AMBASSADORS SALUTED WORK OF COMMISSION AND EXPRESSED HEARTFELT HOPE THAT MEMBERSHIP OF OAS WOULD SOON BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ALL STATES OF THE HEMISPHERE. THEY AGREED IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT COUNTRIES NOW EXCLUDED BY INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM ENJOY PEACEKEEPING BENEFITS UNDER CHARTER AND RIO TREATY.

4. RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. TEXT BY SEPTTEL. VANCE

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